

against these accidents, we must keep medicines and household chemicals locked up, out of sight and reach of young children at all times. The Consumer Product Safety Commission requires child-resistant packaging for certain toxic medicines and chemicals, but it is vital we recognize that the packaging is not “child-proof,” and must be monitored with great care.

When poisoning is suspected, individuals should immediately call the national toll-free number, 1-800-222-1222 to speak to the nearest poison control center. This telephone number and local poison control centers are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and can provide life-saving emergency advice. Regional Poison Control Centers in the United States provide information on recommended treatment for the ingestion of household products and medicines, and parents and those responsible for taking care of children are encouraged to keep the national toll-free number on their telephones. In cases of an emergency, callers should remain calm and provide the Poison Control Center expert with essential information about the victim’s age, weight, existing health conditions, and details about the substance that was inhaled, swallowed, or absorbed by the victim. Through our vigilance, we can work together to help stop child poisonings and give every child an opportunity for a bright future.

To encourage Americans to learn more about the dangers of accidental poisonings and to take more preventive measures, the Congress, by joint resolution approved September 26, 1961, as amended (75 Stat. 681), has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the third week of March each year as “National Poison Prevention Week.”

**Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush,** President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim March 16 through 22, 2003, as National Poison Prevention Week. I call upon all Americans to observe this week by participating in appropriate ceremonies and activities and by learning how to prevent poisonings among children.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

**George W. Bush**

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on March 18.

### **Memorandum on Waiver of Coup-Related Sanctions for Pakistan**

*March 14, 2003*

Presidential Determination No. 2003-16

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject:* Waiver of Coup-Related Sanctions for Pakistan

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 1(b)(1) of the Pakistan Waiver Act, Public Law 107-57, I hereby determine and certify that a waiver of section 508 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations, Division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, Public Law 108-7

- would facilitate the transition to democratic rule in Pakistan; and
- is important to United States efforts to respond to, deter, or prevent acts of international terrorism.

I hereby waive, with respect to Pakistan, section 508 of Division E of Public Law 108-7.

You are authorized and directed to transmit this determination to the Congress and to arrange for its publication in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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#### **March 8**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan to discuss the war on terror, efforts to rebuild Afghanistan, and President Karzai's appearance before the U.S. Senate on February 26.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a Gridiron Club dinner at the Capital Hilton Hotel.

#### **March 10**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Jiang Zemin of China to congratulate him on his years of service to his country and to discuss China-U.S. relations and the situations in North Korea and Iraq. The President also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan to discuss the situations in Iraq and North Korea.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa to discuss the situation in Iraq, South Africa-U.S. relations, and to congratulate President Mbeki for his work on peace efforts in the Congo. He also had a telephone conversation with Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said of Oman to discuss the situation in Iraq and Oman-U.S. relations.

Later in the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain and Chairman Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey's AK Party to discuss the situation in Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President met with Veterans of Foreign Wars youth medal winners.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert S. Nichols to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Public Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sudeen G. Kelly to be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

#### **March 11**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Jose Eduardo dos Santos of Angola to discuss the situation in Iraq.

Later in the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. He also met with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers, USAF. Later, he met with Attorney General John Ashcroft to discuss the initiative on using DNA to solve crimes.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Ricardo Lagos of Chile, President Vicente Fox of Mexico, Prime Minister John Howard of Australia, Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy, and President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain to discuss the situation in Iraq.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joe D. Whitley to be General Counsel of the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Service, Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to designate Michael J. Garcia as Acting Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and to nominate him to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The President announced his intention to designate Richard Seybolt as Federal Commissioner and Chairman of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission (Arkansas and Oklahoma).

The President announced his intention to designate David Vandergriff as Alternate Federal Commissioner of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission (Arkansas and Oklahoma).